

TERRITORIAL NEWS

BATTLEFORD.

From the Herald, May 21.
Mr. Chickskill arrived home from Ottawa on the 17th.

R.C. Laurie C.E., has the contract for putting up the bridge across the Battle River.

The rivers are very low. There can be no improvement until the snow melts on the mountains.

The Messrs. Smith, of Edmonton, sold all their surplus potatoes at good prices and also found a market for their flatboats.

A party of eight men will leave town today to work on the western section of the Government telegraph line in course of construction west of Pitt.

Timber cut by local men at points a short distance up the Saskatchewan is about to arrive, but the lumbermen complain of the difficulties arising from the lowness of the water.

D.M. Finlayson is going to give mixed farming a trial, and starts out with a dairy of twenty-five cows. He has provided all the modern appliances for the work and these added to Mrs. Finlayson's reputation as a butter maker ought to prove the venture a successful one.

The copious showers of last week had a good effect on the farmer hereabout, and led many of them to put in a great deal more seed than they at first intended. Some who were at first put in only enough for their own use are now sowing thirty and forty acres, and in a few cases even more. There is every prospect that their energy and faith will be rewarded by abundant crops.

Supt. Cotton and Lord Boyle are expected to return to Battleford in ten days or a fortnight.

EDMONTON.

From the Bulletin, May 14.
Heavy rain Monday night.
W. J. Graham left for Calgary on Thursday.

Two rafts of saw logs arrived for Fraser & Co. last Sunday.

E. J. Hutchings had wheat two inches above ground last week.

Messrs. Osborne and Cameron left on Thursday for up the river on a coal oil expedition.

Wheat and oat seedling is over, and some farmers are holding back from sowing barley as it is as yet too early.

Several fatal cases of diptheria are reported to have occurred in the settlement near Sturgeon river mill.

Jas. Pruden came in from Beaver lake this week. Ice is still thick on the lake and the water low. Prairie fires have burnt over most of the country near the lake.

Telegraph line broken in a lake this side of Grizzly Bear coulee. Messages are taken at one side of the lake and sent from the other. Raining there this morning.

McKay leaves to-day to begin construction on telegraph line from Union Lake to Battle lake. A gang of men will be sent west from Battleford. Another construction outfit will work between Battleford and Union Lake.

C. F. Strange, secretary of the Edmonton Rifle Association received the following telegram on Monday, dated Ottawa, May 6th: "Issue of thirty rifles and ammunition approved, order by mail, signify J. MacPherson, Lt.-Col."

LETHBRIDGE.

From the News, May 25.

K. Thompson, with Supt. Macdonald and Insp. Howe and Wilson in charge, are expected here in a few days. As soon as the party get settled in their quarters Mr. Thompson will take their departure for the mountains.

The detachment of police from Macleod under Inspector Huott, who went in search of the Indian who escaped from Macleod, returned here this morning. They made Chin Ooie from Macleod for the last day and have patrolled the country since about seeing anything of the fugitive. They returned to Macleod today.

The Venérable Archdeacon Pinkham, Bishop-designate of Saskatchewan, arrived in Wednesday evening's train and held service in St. Augustine's church on the same evening. He was met here by the Rev. Mr. Everett, who took him on to the Macleod house and from there sent him to Parker Creek with Col. Macleod.

Yesterday being Queen's Birthday, was observed as a general holiday and all the

shops were kept closed. As no arrangements had been made for a celebration the day passed off very quietly. A number of citizens enjoyed themselves at the Rifle Range, while others indulged in cricket and lawn tennis. It was the quietest 24th of May we have seen in the country.

QU'APPELLE.

From the Progress, May 26.

Wednesday evenings are made lively by the brass band.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Wm. Perkins, of the Pheasant Plains, shot a cinnamon bear near his house. It measured seven feet four inches from the point of the nose to the end of the tail.

The Fort cricketers are rather too much for our boys as yet, still they may be more practice give them trouble after a while.

We are unable to give the score of Tuesday's match this week.

The Queen's Birthday passed off quietly here. The election made no noticeable stir. A number of our citizens went to the Fort to attend a cricket match, others went driving, some played base ball, and all enjoyed a quiet holiday, the shops generally being closed.

Returns received just as we go to press, give 163 majority for Mr. A.M. Sutherland for the Northwest Council.

REGINA.

From the Journal, May 26.

Mr. James Hole, contractor, has commenced the erection of Mr. Dawson's residence on Victoria street.

A game of base ball is being arranged for Saturday evening between the nine which played at the picnic on Tuesday and another picked nine of citizens. Rab on the arnica, boys, and limber up.

Dr. Dodd visited the northern Indian Reserve while on his return from Touchwood last week. He reports the Indians putting in crops and living quite peacefully and contentedly.

Some citizens are anxious to get a by-law passed for compelling the tying of horses when left standing on the streets. There has been several runaways lately. In one instance a little girl was run over and it was a little short of a miracle that she escaped death.

Mr. A. E. Forget, Clerk of the Northwest Council, and Mrs. Forget, left on Sunday morning for a 2 months' visit to Montreal, their old home. Mr. Forget has been in the Territories since the first sitting of the North-West Council—with the exception of one official visit to Ottawa—and well deserves a holiday.

Dr. Forbes for a good many years M. P. for Queen's, Nova Scotia, father of F. F. Forbes, of our local law firm of Johnson & Forbes, died suddenly last week.

The 68th anniversary of the birth of our Gracious Queen was not marked in Regina by any very extensive demonstration. However every one took a holiday and spent it as best pleased themselves.

MEDICINE HAT.

From the Times, May 26.

The Queen's birthday was quietly observed.

Saskatchewan river ice is a luxury this weather.

Every evening finds our base ball players in active practice.

The Saskatchewan river rose several feet, along about Sunday.

The married and single men of Moose Jaw played a game of ball on the 24th. The poor unfortunate, that is the married men, had a hard time of it.

Robert Watson, who lost his horses a short time ago, returned from McLeod Thursday, where he found them. The animals were thin but as they were in the possession of the Bloods only a short time they were not so disfigured as those of the Medicine Hat Ranch company, which were rescued.

Geo. Gunn, of Red Deer, is sojourning around the Hat. Mr. Gunn lost his three horses on the night of April 10th and had not as yet tidings of their whereabouts.

Mr. Gunn will now start on a tour around Maple Creek and McLeod in search of them as well as about fifteen other horses that have been stolen from him the past few years.

Jack Watson and Fred Mountain arrived Tuesday with a car load of stock, wagons, etc., and are stopping in the city. They have just returned from an extended visit in England and Scotland. It is their intention to open up a sheep and cattle ranch in this vicinity and are engaged in seeking a suitable location. The Red Deer will probably be the favored section.

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SEED GRAIN.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—In the last issue of your paper I observed a report of the proceedings of a recent meeting of the Lorne Agricultural Society, which among other matters contained what purported to be the gist of a short report from the seed grain committee seriously reflecting upon my conduct in the matter of seed grain distribution among the settlers of the district.

The first paragraph of the report to which, with your permission, I shall reply briefly, reads as follows:—

"That they had been consulted about seed grain, and that they had some samples grown in the district submitted and had recommended one, and they regretted very much to say that no grain raised in the district was purchased, thereby giving farmers a ready market."

What an extraordinary statement! What a ready market, surely, would be afforded the farmers of the district by the purchase of this one lot of about fifty bushels, freely recommended by the committee!

Would it not be advisable for the jubilee committee to transform their proposed hospital to a lunatic asylum for the benefit of the seed grain committee of the Lorne Agricultural Society?

But there is another grievance. Here it is:—"They also regret that a number of farmers were refused oats and barley, while they are given to understand there is a quantity of oats and barley left over on the Government's hands at the warehouse."

My only serious objection to this paragraph is that it is not true. I challenge the seed grain committee to furnish the name of a single farmer who was refused oats or barley for seed purposes, and who had or was likely to have the land in condition for sowing.

Yours truly,
JOHN MCINTYRE,
Agent Dominion Lands,
Prince Albert, June 8, 1887.

O'BRIEN'S VISIT.

In speaking of O'Brien's visit, the Toronto *Work* says:—"We cannot afford to feel much regret at the mobbing of Mr. O'Brien. Rulian conduct is always to be deplored; but the agitator himself set the example of ruffianly conduct to his associates when he proclaimed his intention to hunt the Governor General from one end of Canada to the other. He would not have done that in the way he himself was hunted about the streets of Toronto; but was this method less manly than the wilful lies and slanders that he, knowing them to be so, proposed to use? Mr. O'Brien is one of those men that can feel to insult less matter than a knock-down blow, and we cannot regret that he has received one. We do not for a moment excuse his assailants; but, while condemning the instrument, we cannot but regard the punishment as well-deserved. And, moreover, it will serve the useful purpose, we think, to exhibit the real feeling of the great mass of our people about this Irish agitation as nothing else can. Mr. O'Brien was allowed to lecture quietly in Montreal; the people in general simply ignored him, leaving him to the hands of the Irish; not a single man of any prominence attended his meetings, or in any way contended his errand; the Press, with the exception of a rabid Irish organ, condemned it; and yet because his attempted mischief-making was thus tolerated and tolerated, not approved, was the utmost accorded him—he had the effrontery to telegraph to his friends here that "Quebec is solid." Similarly, Ontario would have been reported as "solid," too, if the Loyalist meeting in Queen's park had not been held. Now, it is of the utmost importance that the true feeling for Canada about this agitation business should be known in England; and that is the great service that will have been done by the Loyalist meeting, whose meaning, though clear enough to people here, might not be so abroad without this rough "send-off" by way of emphasis that Mr. O'Brien received. In the ridiculous story the agitator is since telling about the country as to the attack on him "organized by Lord Lansdowne's friends, aimed under Lord Lansdowne's window," we have a specimen of the intolerable lies that would have filled out his account of his reception in Toronto, if this had not been accompanied by some

unmistakable counter demonstration. For the bricks that flew about his head dispelled his last chance of making out Ontario as well as Quebec to be "solid" for him. It is deplorable, on abstract principles, that Mr. O'Brien was so molested; even the worst malefactor ought to be safe in our streets from mob law; but yet, men cannot help being swayed by feeling, which manifestly has no very strong basis in the cowardly and immoral enterprises. The agitators of Mr. O'Brien, however, were not the people of Toronto; it is absurd to charge the fault of a few dozen disorderly men, for a few minutes, got beyond the control of the few police that happened to be on the spot. And when a man is every day of his life breaking the law, he cannot be surprised if, now and then, a stone or two of the wall he is engaged trying to pull down should fall on his head. Mr. O'Brien poses his life in inciting mobs to disobey the law; how can he complain when he catches a whiff of the whirlwind he is trying to raise?

At Kingston, also, Mr. O'Brien has received rough treatment; which is regrettable, but not surprising. If he persists in flying himself among us, as a fire-brand among inflammable tow, the natural consequences must ensue—it looks indeed, as if he were designedly courting these consequences. Unquestionably his errand to Canada was to raise a disturbance; he knew enough of Kingston when he arrived to dub it the "Derry of Canada;" and it is not likely that when he started from Ireland he was ignorant of Canadian opinion as to suppose that we are all Parsellites. He must have intended to cost our people by the ears. His errand was avowedly to raise the country against the Governor General; and unless he is a very simple man he must have foreseen that his design would be opposed, and perhaps violently opposed, by every one with the least sense of fair-play and decency.

Why did not the Government, anticipating this, save Canada from being turned into a battle-ground of Irish factions? Why should loyal Canadians be offended by the slanderous talk of this mercenary agitator? The only evil that now afflicts Ireland is caused by such agitators as he; it is too bad the dissection it is their trade to sow and foster in Ireland should be transplanted in Canada. The right and free speech among respectable citizens must be kept sacred; but we need not allow "the victims" of Kingston Gial or St. Vincent de Paul to go about the country preaching robbery treason and murder.

CALGARY.

From the Herald, May 27.

The poundkeeper has slaughtered eight dogs, and still there's more to follow. The stock inspector who was sent up by the Montana Stock Association, was unsuccessful in his search for animals lost across the line. Although the Elbow bridge has been finished, the contractors refuse to allow teams to cross it on account of the work not having yet been accepted. Mr. Cay telegraphed to the Lieutenant Governor last day stating the facts to him and asking that the inspector might be instructed to take over the work. As the rivers are rapidly rising, it is to be hoped there will be no unnecessary delay. A lot of stock teams in last night for Mr. Alexander, among which are a couple of Polled Angus bulls, the first that have yet been imported; also 20 heads of short horn bulls, yearlings, among which are some very promising animals. The same gentleman has a steepchaser that will down all the flyers around here if they don't look out. The lot are at Ford's stables.

A good many of the Turf Club are in favor of having a big midsummer meeting on Owen's track on July 1st. There is no doubt that it would be a great success, provided it is sufficiently advertised to bring horses from outside places. Several horsemen in Kamloops have expressed their willingness to bring their horses here and no time should be lost in deciding about the meeting. The citizens will no doubt subscribe liberally for a good programme, and there is no reason why the splendid track should remain idle for the rest of the year.

The rivers are rising rapidly and those who have timber coming down had better look out.

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